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## PREVENTION OF AIR POLLUTION FROM SHIPS

### Progress report on follow-up activities

#### Note by the Secretariat

#### SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This note provides a progress report on follow-up activities to the 1997 MARPOL Conference since last meeting of the Committee.
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 9
<i>Related documents:</i>	MEPC 43/21, MEPC 44/11, C/ES.20/D

#### Introduction

1 The Committee will recall that, at its 41st session it considered a draft follow-up programme based on the request made by the 1997 MARPOL Conference and the Kyoto Conference. The Follow-up action programme included a number of guidelines called for in Annex VI to MARPOL 73/78 and the NO<sub>x</sub> Technical Code. The Committee instructed FP, FSI and DE Sub-Committees to develop these guidelines.

2 At its forty-second session the Committee instructed the Secretariat to initiate an IMO study on greenhouse gas emissions from ships. A status report for this study was presented to the Committee at its last session.

3 At its last session the Committee was informed on the outcome of FP 43, DE 42 and FSI 7 with regard to their considerations on air pollution from ships. These three Sub-Committees had not been in session before the end of 1999. However, any urgent matters requiring decisions by the Committee emanating from FSI 8 and FP 44, which will meet prior to the present session of the Committee, will be reported orally by the Secretariat.

#### IMO study on greenhouse gas emissions from ships

4 At its last session the Steering Committee established by MEPC 42 for the purpose of the study met to consider a final recommendation to the Secretariat Contract Committee on awarding of the contract for the study. The Steering Committee agreed that the Secretariat should investigate a possible co-operation between the two most favoured contractors for the study.

5 After two weeks negotiation the two contractors agreed to a common project proposal, complying with the Terms of Reference for the study as approved by MEPC 42, including a sharing of the work programme and the funding available. The revised project proposal was accepted by the Secretariat Contract Committee and approved by the Secretary-General of IMO early September this year.

6 On 24 September 1999, MARINTEK of Norway, on behalf of a conglomerate, including Carnegie-Mellon University of the United States signed the agreement for the study. The Secretariat signed the agreement on 27 September 1999.

7 In accordance with the agreement the timetable for the study is as follows:

- Submission of the preliminary report of the study to the Secretariat: 15 February 2000;
- Oral presentation on the outcome of the study: MEPC 44;
- Submission of the final report of the study to the Secretariat: 31 March 2000;
- Final report: MEPC 45.

#### **Communication with UNFCCC**

8 The report of the last session of the Committee was submitted to the Secretariat of UNFCCC. In addition the Secretariat participated in the Fifth Meeting of Contracting Parties (COP 5) to the UNFCCC and in the 11th session of the Subsidiary Body of Scientific and Technological Advise (SBSTA 11), both Meetings were held in October in Bonn, Germany. The outcome of these two Meetings is reported separately in document MEPC 44/11, submitted by the Secretariat.

#### **Action requested by the Committee**

9 The Committee is invited to take note of the above information and take action as appropriate.

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